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National FOIA Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2310A)
Washington, DC 20460

Re: FOIA Request - Trinity Nuclear Test

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, *et. seq.*, I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me:

- All documents pertaining to infant mortality within the state of New Mexico for the years of 1943 through 1948.
- All death certificates for children under the age of two in the state of New Mexico for the years of 1943 through 1948.
- All documents pertaining to instructions, reports, notes, or observations submitted by in-person or physically located town monitors from July 13, 1945 to July 13, 1946 within a 150 mile radius of the Trinity Test, and to include the following locations: Tularosa, Carrizozo, Socorro.
- All documents pertaining to data collected or reports written by United States government officials or individuals contracted by the United States government regarding the testing of water or water quality monitoring for radionuclides within a 150 mile radius of the Trinity Test site from July 16, 1945 to July 16, 1980.
- All documents pertaining to data collected or reports written by United States government officials or individuals contracted by the United States government regarding testing of soil or soil quality monitoring for radionuclides within a 150 mile radius from the Trinity Test site from July 16, 1945 to July 16, 1980.

- All documents related to film badge data collected within 150 miles of the Trinity Test site from July 16, 1945 to December 16, 1945.
- All documents pertaining to the data collected by radiation monitors within 150 miles of the Trinity Test site from July 16, 1945 to July 16, 1980.
- All documents referencing Stafford L. Warren, Louis H. Hempelmann, or Leslie R. Groves from 1943 to 1980.

For purposes of this request, the term “document” means any record in written, graphic, photographic, or other form kept or memorialized on paper, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media such as email correspondence; and includes each non-identical original or copy of a draft or final record, whether the original or copy is not identical because of notes on the original or copy or otherwise.

For purposes of this request, the term “pertaining to” means addressing, concerning, focusing on, mentioning, relating to, or relevant to in any manner.

I request that the information sought be provided in electronic format receivable via email, where possible, and on a CD-ROM.

In addition, I request a waiver of all fees for this FOIA request pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), which provides for waiver “if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” The TBDC is a community organization that raises awareness about the health impacts of the Trinity Nuclear Test and advocates for impacted communities. The requested information will be used for furthering public, non-commercial interests and will assist TBDC in educating the public about the legacy of the Trinity Nuclear Test. This requested information is not yet available in the public domain. Further, the New Mexico Environmental Law Center is a non-profit environmental organization that provides free and low-cost legal services to community organizations, and is providing pro-bono services to TBDC.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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